LSTA Multicultural, Technology, and Digitization Sub-Grants Spring 2005
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The Indiana State Library awarded $65,431 in 2005 LSTA funds to ten Indiana public libraries to strengthen their services to multicultural populations. The Indiana State Library Board initially reserved $150,000 in 2005 LSTA funds for multicultural projects. Only ten public libraries applied and all ten libraries were awarded grants. The maximum award for the Multicultural project was $8,000 per library. Targeted cultures included African-American; Native American; Asian; Latino; and European. Activities included ESL and cultural awareness classes as well as purchase of materials representing various cultures and languages. Specific cultures that could have also been project targets include: Hmong; Native Hawaiian, Native Alaskan and other specific Islanders. Since ISL received Technology grant requests totaling $432,611, the non-awarded portion of funds set aside for Multicultural Grants ($44,530) was transferred to the Technology grant allotment.

The Indiana State Library awarded 2005 LSTA technology grants to 82 libraries in Indiana. Awards totaled $294,530.   Four special libraries (private schools are classified by IMLS as special libraries), three academic libraries, twenty-four public schools, and fifty-one public libraries received technology grants. Libraries could apply either to support wireless LANS (maximum possible award $3,500) or to use technology for library instruction (maximum possible award $5,000).

$250,000 was initially reserved for digitization grants. Twenty four libraries applied for $577,398.73. On the recommendation of the application review committee, ILHB awarded $216,102.77 for 12 projects. (Six academic libraries and 4 public libraries). The focus of this grant is on materials of use and interest to a state-wide audience, with preference given to those materials useful to the educational community. Materials will be digitized using accepted national standards as identified by the Indiana Digital Library Project for image creation and for metadata tagging. Funded digitization projects for 2005 include:

Ball State University Libraries	U.S. Civil War resources for East Central Indiana.
Butler University-Irwin Library	Eliza Blaker and Teachers College of Indianapolis.
IMCPL	May Wright Sewall Papers (Women's Suffrage). 1
IUPUI	Governor Morton Telegraph Books. 2
IUPUI	Historic Architecture Slides (Indiana) 2.
IUPUI	Historic Maps of Indiana. 2
Indiana University-Bloomington	Indiana Authors and Their Books.

Jasper County Public Library	Robert Huston Milroy Documents.
Madison-Jefferson County P L	Riverboats & Railroads (Jefferson County).
Saint Meinrad Archabbey Library	20 Books Pertaining to Early Indiana History.
Vigo County Public Library	Civil War Letters.
Wabash College	Montgomery County in the Civil War.

Every year, the federal government distributes grants to 50 State libraries and to libraries in U.S Territories and Washington, D.C.   Each state's/territory's award is then used to provide library services throughout the state/territory via grants. The federal government distributes these funds to states under the authority of the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA). The agency designated to administer the LSTA program is the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). The U.S. Congress appropriates the funding for IMLS. For fiscal year 2005, the IMLS budget is $ 240,675,000 including $205,951,000 for library services (an increase of $7,709,000 over the 2004 allotment). and $31.4 million for museum services. The budget also includes an additional $39,889,000 for congressionally directed grants. Indiana's share for fiscal year 2005 is $3,317,057.00.

LSTA was first enacted in 1996 for years 1997-2002 and reauthorized in 2003 for years 2003-2007. Earlier programs were the Library Services Act of 1956 and the Library Services and Construction Act of 1964. Each recipient library must submit an LSTA 5 Year Plan for approval. The LSTA Plan for Indiana 2003-2007 may be found on the Indiana State Library Website http://www.statelib.lib.in.us/www/isl/ldo/lsta/lstamenu.html.

The Indiana State Library will post applications, on its Website- http://www.statelib.lib.in.us/www/isl/ldo/lsta/lstamenu.html, for Diversity and Special Populations, and Technology grants sometime next autumn.   If you have questions about the LSTA program in Indiana, please call or e-mail Rose Marie Traylor. Telephone numbers are 800-451-6028 and 317-232-3694. E-mail is rkelsey@statelib.lib.in.us.

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1 Indianapolis Marion County Public Library
2. Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis